

B) ~~created events, usage events, one time events, or summary events;
delivering the events in the message queue to a pricing process; and
pricing the events.~~

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, new claims 29 and 30 have been added.
Claims 1-30 are pending and under consideration.

New claims 29 and 30 distinguish over the prior art for the reasons set forth in the RESPONSE filed on December 31, 2002 and incorporated by reference herein. It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please ADD the following claims:

29. (New) A system providing pricing information for on-demand billing for events, comprising:

a message queue; and

a processor performing a pricing process where events are continuously delivered to the pricing process via the message queue.

30. (New) A continuous pricing process for an event-driven system, comprising;
storing events in a message queue, the events being one of system created events, usage events, one time events, or summary events;
delivering the events in the message queue to a pricing process; and
pricing the events.